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SUBJECT: KAZAKHSTAN AVIAN INFLUENZA UPDATE SEPTEMBER 6

REF: (A) STATE 153802

(B) ALMATY 3147

1. Summary: This cable responds to the directive in paragraph 5 of Ref A. No/no further reports of human or animal cases of AI have been made since Ref B August 26. The GOK lifted the quarantines imposed in three of four affected oblasts. North Kazakhstan Oblast is the only region where preventive measures are still in effect. End Summary.

2. There have been no new cases of avian influenza in Kazakhstan since post's last report. On September 5, Interfax reported an August 17 AI incident in North Kazakhstan. The Ministry of Agriculture confirmed to post, however, that the Interfax report referred to the last case of bird deaths, which took place August 15 (Ref B).

3. The quarantines in Akmolinskaya, Pavlodar and Karaganda oblasts have been lifted, leaving only North Kazakhstan still under a preventive regime. Nalobino, Dubrovnoye and Talakper villages are affected. The quarantine by regulation lasts 30 days and is set to end September 10. North Kazakhstan oblast borders on the affected Omskaya oblast of the Russian Federation and has been the site of the most significant AI incidents in Kazakhstan.

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